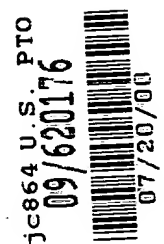




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This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e) of the commonly owned prior provisional application serial no. 60/186,149 filed March 1, 2000.

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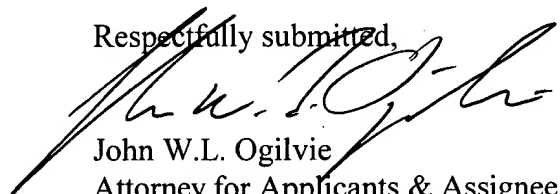
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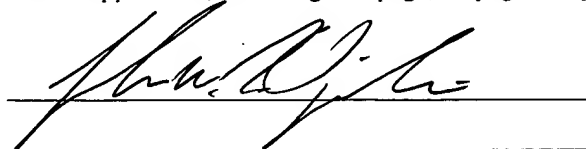

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